

2018-10-11
STERLING MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT
REGULAR SESSION
MEETING MINUTES

DATE: October 11, 2018

LOCATION: SMLD Building
Rear Board Room
50 Main Street
Sterling, MA 01564

BOARD MEMBERS: Joseph Curtin (Curtin), Chairman
Brian Pierce (Pierce), Vice Chairman
Eric Darlington (Darlington) Clerk

SMLD STAFF: Sean Hamilton (Hamilton), Manager

MINUTES: Jane Brunetta (Brunetta)

ATTENDEES: Matt Stelmach
Darren Borge, SMLD
Tom Asp, CTC
Dave Talbot, CTC

5:00 p.m. Meeting called to order, Chairman Curtin stated that the meeting is subject to only audio recording. **Roll Call Attendance, Curtin present, and Pierce present, Darlington present**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board members and attendance pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Pierce made a motion to table item 4e under Old Business and 5a under New Business for future a meeting and to move 4c under Old Business before Manager's Report, Darlington seconded, no discussion, Curtin aye, Pierce aye, Darlington aye

OLD BUSINESS

c. CTC Fiber – Presentation on Study – Board members were presented with a draft of how Fiber can be brought into town. CTC showed locations and cost analysis for Fiber, presented a three phase approach. Curtin did ask CTC to work with the Shrewsbury Electric & Cable Company (SELCO) beginning with Phase One to see what monthly costs would be. Hamilton said our cost would be just labor cost to get to

Boylston, West Boylston and then to Shrewsbury. Pierce suggested that maybe a survey can be sent out to see who would be interested in Fiber.

MANAGERS REPORT

1. Hamilton explained why Ricky's Towing invoice was so high. When the truck was being repaired they found another problem and unfortunately, part of the cost it may have been covered under warranty, but Tri-State stated Ricky's wasn't an authorized warranty repair center. Cost was \$6,000.
2. IPEER Review opened in Santa Fe with the Sterling Battery Project and was in presentations by 5 other members.
Also, we received an award from the Association of Energy Engineers of New England, our project was number one in the country.
3. Radios are in all trucks, equipment for repeaters should be in within 8 weeks
4. Budget is 90% completed, should be out by October 31,2018
5. Chocksett Relay we believe was hit by Lighting, while replacing it in circuit switcher, had a momentary drop,
Happened over the weekend, but all set now
6. Fire and Police Departments – The LED Lighting for Police and Fire Buildings will be in next year's budget. Hamilton said he should have cost per lights at next meeting

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Community Solar Project Subscriber – As of today we have 311 Customers signed up
- b. BOOTH Associates – Sent out final Capacitor Bank Study – need additional 7 new locations and the other locations will need Volt ,Amp, Resistance (VAR) controls- Cost should be around 7 – 8 thousand per location
- c. CTC Fiber – Moved ahead of manager's report.
- d. Payback Resolution – MMWEC says we need a vote as to how we would reimburse ourselves For any cost we incur and finance for fiber, it would need to be paid within 60 days. Hamilton said we are now incurring cost for CTC. Members decided to table the vote until the final study from CTC is complete.
- e. AMI Review – tabled till next meeting

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Hydro Quebec Interconnection – tabled till next meeting
- b. Energy Storage Benefit – Hamilton said has of today, energy battery savings to SMLD total \$857,804.59. Hamilton presented members a chart of actual load profiles and real time savings with the new Real Time Automation Controller (RTAC) unit showing reads at the substation meters,. Curtin stated that members appreciated all the work that his being done by SMLD to keep right on top of the tracking of the battery.
- c. Capacity Shortage Event 9/3/2018 – Hamilton presented a summary of what happened that day, Plymouth was lost, and megawatts prices jumped to \$2700. Hamilton said Sterling came out ok.
- d. Fiber Grant – Hamilton said Ross Perry, Town Manager, came up Thursday, and asked if we could help town apply, so Hamilton sent information in. Grant would be for \$150,000 if approved.

APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES – September 6, 2018

1. **Pierce made a motion to approve September 6, 2018 Regular Session as amended**, Darlington seconded, no discussion, Curtin aye, Pierce aye, Darlington aye

2. **Darlington made a motion to approve September 6, 2018 Executive Session, as amended, not to be released, Pierce seconded, no discussion, Roll Call Vote, Curtin aye, Pierce aye, Darlington**

CUSTOMER COMMENTS

Hamilton said a customer came into office requesting a light at end of her driveway, the night before someone stole her lawn mower. Crew completed by 3:30 same day, she called and said she was so happy.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. BOOTH ASSOCIATES
2. Update on Final Study for Fiber
3. AMI
4. Five year review

Darlington made a motion to go into Executive Session (1) under M.G.L. Chapter 30A: Section 210a), Clause 10 (to Discuss Trade Secrets or confidential, Competitively-Sensitive or Other Proprietary Information Provided in the Course of Activities Conducted by a Governmental Body as an Energy Supplier) – Peaking Plant Alternative, only to return to regular session to adjourn, Pierce seconded, no discussion, Roll Call Vote, Curtin aye, Pierce aye, Darlington aye, all in favor

7:25 p.m. Meeting Adjourned

ATTEST:


Eric Darlington, Clerk

DATE:

11/01/18

BOARD APPROVAL AND RELEASE:
